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Winning the Lottery, 1969

After "Litany in Which Certain Things Are Crossed Out"

Every morning: the warmth
of their mattress. Every morning:

her callused husband his belly
brimming with glass.

Every morning: a touch
of gin to forget.

Because, suddenly, a leaf
of paper is enough

to trouble water.

JAY

Cannon Fodder

I wanted to tell you
of the river water.

And summertime: how teeth turn
to sand; how air

becomes thick
& red.